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SIR:

This letter is written in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure Section 609. Attached hereto are copies of the following references (with the exception of Villanova), the relevance of each of which will be found on that page or pages of the application where it is cited.

REFERENCE

WHERE CITED

U.S. Patent No. 4,188,189 (Allen)

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Also enclosed are copies of the following references, each of which was of record in the parent (Serial No. 07/682,060) to the present application.

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U.S. Patent No. 4,333,918 (Carney, et al.)

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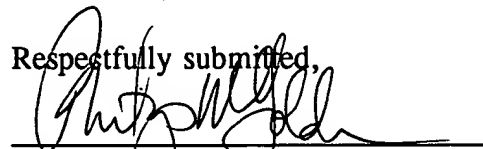
Also enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449 listing cited references. A copy of the Villanova reference is being ordered and will be forwarded under separate cover.

Consideration of each of the listed references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Applicant also respectfully requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration be returned with the next Official Action, as set forth in MPEP 609.

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